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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 26

1. SUMMARY:

--THE MEDIA REPORT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SPAIN AND
THE SIGNING OF THE NEW TREATY;
--ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE LEBANESE CEASE FIRE IS
AGAIN REPORTED HOPEFULLY;
--ANGOLA COVERAGE IS LIGHT, WITH A REPLAY OF A
REPORT ON MERCENARIES AND A TORY ATTACKING A
WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE;
--SOVIET PARTY OFFICIALS PONOMAREV, KATUSHEV, AND SMIRNOV
TRAVELLED TO WARSAW TO MEET WITH COUNTER-
PARTS FROM THE OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
MONGOLIA AND CUBA (SEPTTEL);
--SEVERAL ITEMS PEGGED TO INDIAN NATIONAL DAY (JAN.
26) UNDERLINE CLOSE SOVIET-INDIAN TIES, ESPECIALLY
THROUGH ECONOMIC AID;
--A TV PROGRAM BLASTED PEKING'S ALLEGED MILITARISM.

2. U.S. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM MADRID
REPORTING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND THE SIGNING OF
THE NEW "TREATY OF COOPERATION." TASS SAYS THAT THE
NEW ACCORD CALLS FOR U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID
TO SPAIN TOTALLING 1.25 BILLION DOLLARS OVER FIVE
YEARS. TASS ALSO SAYS THAT "UNDER PRESSURE FROM
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SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION." THE U.S. AGREED TO CLOSE DOWN
THE ROTA POLARIS BASE. IN OTHER U.S. COVERAGE
PRAVDA REPLAYS EXCERPTS FROM U.S. NEWS AND WORLD
REPORT ON PUBLIC ANXIETY OVER HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, AND
THE EVENING TV NEWS CARRIED AN ITEM FROM WASHINGTON
ON THE PROPOSED FEDERAL BUDGET, CLAIMING THAT THE
"WORKERS" FIND IT UNSATISFACTORY WHILE "THE PENTAGON"

IS QUITE SATISFIED. A RADIO BROADCAST ON JANUARY 25 ALSO CONTINUED TO HEAP ON THE CIA FOR ITS ALLEGED ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO AND LUMUMBA.

3. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA (JAN 26) LEADS WITH A REPORT ON LEBANON THAT THE CEASE-FIRE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING, AND THAT "TENSION IS ABATING." THE REPORT MENTIONS THE MEDIATION EFFORTS OF THE KHADDAM DELEGATION, AND ITS OVERALL TONE IS HOPEFUL THAT THE SITUATION WILL CALM. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES A TASS REPORT CITING A NEW YORK TIMES STORY PRAISING THE EFFORTS OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD IN SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE PUZZLE. PRAVDA CARRIES A COMMENTARY ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING IN ADEN OF THE AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION; MAJOR TARGETS OF THE IMPERIALISTS, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA'S ACCOUNT ARE ANGOLA, LEBANON AND OMAN. AAPSO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DETENTE.

4. ANGOLA. IN LIGHT COVERAGE, PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM LONDON THAT THE SUNDAY TIMES STATES 200 MORE MERCENARIES ARE HEADING TO ANGOLA FROM GREAT BRITAIN; OTHER STANDARD CHARGES ARE INCLUDED. PRAVDA ALSO STRENUOUSLY DENOUNCES A FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE STORY WHICH REPORTEDLY ALLEGES THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SECRETLY SUPPLYING UNITA AND THE FNLA WITH WEAPONS VIA CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRAVDA CHARGES THIS "FABRICATION" TO ANTI-SOVIET INTRIGUES, REASSERTS MOSCOW'S FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA AGAINST THE OTHERS AND DENOUNCES SOUTH AFRICAN AND US "INTERVENTION."

5. INDIA. LOOKING TOWARD INDIAN REPUBLIC DAY ON JANUARY 26, IZVESTIYA (JAN 24) AND PRAVDA (JAN 25) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRIED COMMENTARIES STRESSING INDIA'S ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST YEAR, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE "EMERGENCY" DECLARATION IN JUNE. THE COMMENTARIES ALSO NOTE CPI SUPPORT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S REFORM PROGRAM AND UNDERLINE CLOSE SOVIET-INDIAN TIES ON THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LEVELS. PRAVDA (JAN 26) REPLAYS A COMMENT BY PRIME MINISTER GANDHI ON SOVIET SUPPORT.

6. CHINA. THE WEEKLY TELEVISION PROGRAM "INTERNATIONAL PANORAMA" (JAN 25) FEATURED A SEQUEL ON CHINA SHOWING MILITARY TRAINING AND EVIDENCES OF ALLEGED MILITARIZATION OF THE SOCIETY. THE ANNOUNCER SAID THAT THE FILM WAS PART OF A "NEW" DOCUMENTARY WHICH WOULD BE RELEASED IN EARLY FEBRUARY. COMMENT: MOST OF THE FOOTAGE SHOWN WAS

FAMILIAR FROM EARLIER ANTI-PEKING FEATURES ON SOVIET
TELEVISION, INCLUDING SHOTS OF RAMPAGING RED GUARDS,
MAO SHAKING HIS FIST WHILE ADDRESSING THE NINTH PARTY CONGRESS,
AND SIMILAR ITEMS.
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